(ङ) देश में वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 में कुल कृषि योग्य क्षेत्र क्रमशः 185007 हजार हैक्टेयर तथा 184376 हजार हैक्टेयर था। राज्यों से वर्ष 1994-95 के लिए सूचना अभी देय नहीं हुई हैं।

Importance of Goat in Rural Economy

586. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that goat has a vital importance in the rural economy of the country;

(b) whether Government have assessed its importance and if so the facts thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn up any plan to improve upon this livestock; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. The contribution of goat to the national economy through milk, meat, skin, fibre etc. is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 4900 crores annually.

(c) and (d) A centrally sponsored scheme for assisting the States in strengthening, *inter alia,* goat farms for production and dissemination of quality breeding bucks is under implementation during the Eighth Plan.

Krishna River Water Project

587. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct dams and canals for using the waters of river Krishna;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total estimated cost of the Krishna Project and the Central Government's share;

(d) the total amount spent on this project so far; and

(e) the details of the recommendations made by the Krishna Tribunal and to what extent these recommendations have so far been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement giving details of major & medium projects in Krishna basin' pending at the Centre is enclosed *(see* below).

(c) The latest estimated cost of Krishna Project is Rs. 355.00 crores. Union Government' does not share the cost of State Project.

(d) The expenditure incurred upto March, 1994 is Rs. 178.85 crores. The anticipated expenditure for 1994-95 is Rs. 22.00 crores. The outlay recomended by the working group of the Planning Commission for 1995-96 is Rs. 22 crores.

(e) The following are main recommendations of Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal:

(i) The 75% dependable yield of Krishna basin upto Vijayawada is 2060 TMC.

(ii) The entire dependable yield is allocated as 560 TMC for Maharashtra, 700 TMC for Karnataka and 800 TMC for Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) In addition to above, the States are permitted to use return flows to be calculated as 10 per cent of the average utilisation for the States Projects using 3 TMC or more for irrigation, in excess of similar utilisation during 1968-69.

(iv) Andhra Pradesh will be at liberty to use the remaining water that may be flowing in the river Krishna upto the year 2000 A.D.

(v) The States should prepare annual water accounts abstract including irrigation/reservoir loss, domestic and municipal water, etc. Also these annual abstracts are to be exchanged amongst all other basin States annually.

The Tribunal's Order is binding on all the States.

Statement

Details of new major and medium Irrigation Projects of Krishna basin pending at the Centre

SI No.	Name of the Project	Latest Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Benefits (hectares)	Status of Appraisal
MAHRASHTRA				
Major				
1.	Dudhganga Irrigation	528.00	81,970	The project was considered by the Advisory Committee for Rs. 204.58 crores and was deferred for reconsideration after clearance from environmental and forest angles. The State has to obtain the above clearance Meanwhile, concurrence of State Finance Department received in 4/91.
2.	Warna Irrigation	699.00	113,920	The Project was considered by the Advisory Committee for Rs. 337.81 crores in 8/88 and found acceptable subject to submission of environmental safe guards implemented by State. Forest clearance is to be obtained by State. Concurrence of State Finance Department received in 4/91.
3.	Koyana Krishna Lift	709.00	85,780	The project was found acceptable by the Advisory Committee in 1/89. The Project is cleared from environmental angles, The concurrence of State Finance Department and State Electricity Board received in 10/90 & 3/89 respectively.
4.	Sangola Branch Canal	44.00	9,220	The Project was considered by the Advisory Committee for Rs. 37.01 crores in 5/89 and accepted subject to Environment and Forest Clearances and concurrence of State Finance Department. The State has to obtain above clearances.

SI No. Name of the Project	Latest Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Benefits (hectares)	Status of Appraisal
Medium Project			
1. Jangamhatti Lift	18.00	3,460	The Project was considered by the Advisory Committee for Rs. 4.28 crores in 5/86 and found acceptable subject to forest clearance and availability of adequate funds and review of hydrology. The State has to submit modified report with updated cost for appraisal.
2. Morna Gureghar	25.00	5,320	The project was found acceptable by the Advisory Committee for Rs. 9.42 crores in 5/86. The State has to submit modified report in the light of TAC observations with updated estimate.
3. Benetura	17.00	2,290	The project was found acceptable by the Advisory Committee for 12.12 crores in 1/94, subject to conditions mentioned in the TAC note.
KARNATAKA			[1]
Major			
1. Hippargi Irrigation	418.77	50,690	The project was found acceptable by TAC in 10/86 subject to compliance of certain observations. The project is also to be cleared by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
2. Ramthal Lift Irrigation	140.89	22,270	The Project stands cleared from financial, gates design, barrage and canal design, crop pattern and ground water aspects. The project is also to be cleared by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.
3. Upper Tunga Project	556.00	94,700	The project is cleared from embankment design, hydrology and agriculture aspects. State's replies are awaited on financial, cost engineering, gates design, environmental and plant planning aspects.
4. Upper Krishna Stage-II	1058.00	241,760	The modified project report received in 12/93. Comments on hydrology, irrigation gate design and agriculture aspects sent to State Government during Jan. to Sept. 94 The replies of State Government is still awaited.

SI No.	Name of the Project	Latest Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Benefits (hectares)	Status of Appraisal
ANDRA PRADESH				*Medium Projects*
Major				
1.	Gurala	275.00	47,840	Accepted by the Advisory Committee in 4/88 subject to environment clearance. Environment clearance has been given by the Ministry of Environment & Forests in 4/94. The State Government is required to submit updated cost estimate.
2.	Tclugu Ganga	1465.00	199,000	Consideration deferred by the Advisory Committee in 4/88 due to non-resolution of inter-State issues.
3.	Pulichintala Multipurpose	268.64	470.000	Comments on Irrigation Planning, foundation engineering and hydrology aspects have been sent to State Government for compliance.
Medium Projects				
	'NIL'			

High prices of drugs

588. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medicines having price controlled drugs and price decontrolled are being marketed at very high prices;

(b) if so, the names of such medicines which have come to the notice of his Ministry and the action taken in each case; and

(c) by when the prices of all such combinations would be fixed to give relief to consumer and what action has been taken against companies who did not apply for price approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Prices of price controlled medicines are fixed/revised as per the provisions of the DPCO'95. Suo-moto price fixation is being resorted to invoking para 11 of the DPCO'95 wherever feasible.

While in the case of price controlled medicines, violation of prices are dealt with under the relevant provisions of DPCO, in the cases of medicines outside price control wherever high price increase is noticed, concerned manufacturers are called upon to justify the same.

अन्य एशियाई देशों की तुलना में साक्षरता – दर

589. **श्री राजूभाई ए. परमार** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में आज की तिथि के अनुसार राज्य – वार साक्षरता की औसत दर क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दर को एशियाई साक्षरता दर से आगे ले जाने के लिए कोई प्रयास किए हैं और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(ग) अन्य एशियाई राष्ट्रों की तुलना में हमारे देश की औसत साक्षरता दर कितीन हैं;

(घ) क्या अन्य एशियाई राष्ट्रों की तुलना में राष्ट्रीय